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LIS 620:04- Info Services & Sources

Working With A Client

Reference Interview:

Client- Alex Gaddy, Paranormal Investigator

Topic- Henry River Mill Village

Bethany: What type of information are you looking for?

Alex: I work with a Paranormal Investigation Team called First in Fright. We are looking for more information regarding the Henry River Mill Village and the significant events that may have occurred on the property.

Bethany: Can you tell me more about your topic?

Alex: First in Fright Paranormal is looking for information regarding significant events that occurred on the property to better understand the spirits that may be residing there. Having names of people that may have lived, worked, and died in the village would allow us to make more of a personal connection with the paranormal. Any information that would help better understand everyday life that went on in the village would also be helpful.

Bethany: What information do you already have/what sources have you already explored?

Alex: We have acquired more historical facts on the village, but not as much specific events that occurred. We have also spoken with the current owners of the village to hear some of the stories that have been passed along to them.

Bethany: What purpose will the information be used for?

Alex: As paranormal investigators, our team will use the information that is collected to better understand everyday life and attempt to communicate with the paranormal spirits. At every investigation, we ask questions regarding certain names of people whose spirits may still be present. Tragic events are typically the first thing people associate with the paranormal spirits. However, through our numerous investigations and evidence collected, we have found some spirits stay because it was a happy time for them. With the equipment we have, we can ask questions and hopefully get responses back. This is significantly amplified if we can use names of people that once lived there or talk about specific past events.

Bethany: Are you looking for any specific types of sources? (web pages, books, articles)

Alex: Books and personal stories from someone that lived at the village would be ideal. Any historical information regarding the events that took place would be helpful, no matter the source.

Databases Used (best resources are highlighted in yellow):

- Academic Search Complete
- **WorldCat**
- NC LIVE
- **Google**
- Google Scholar

Books/Thesis Used:

- Henry River Mill Village: Images of America by Nicole Callihan and Ruby Young Keller

Websites Used:

- <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/abandoned-henry-river-mill-village>
- <http://www.henryrivermillvillage.com/>
- https://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/new-henry-river-mill-village-owners-focus-on-renovating-property/article_0f4f45a5-2431-5162-a07b-5b7363740706.html
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_River_Mill_Village,_North_Carolina#General_references
- <https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/north-carolina/henry-river-mill-village-nc/>
- <http://americanurbex.com/wordpress/?p=2776>
- <https://academiccommons.columbia.edu/doi/10.7916/D8QF90Z0>

I was surprised to find that there were not many resources on the history of Henry River Mill Village. All but a few of the sources I chose had to be found via Google. However, this is not strictly an academic subject, so I felt comfortable sharing the webpages that I found on Google with my client. I did not want to give up the search just because I could not find appropriate sources right away. This was both an interesting and challenging reference topic, and I enjoyed helping Alex find the information he needed. I tried to search for newspaper and journal articles for this topic: I found a few that noted the appearance of Henry River Mill Village in the Hunger Games series, but I felt that none were relevant for this search. I applied Boolean Operators to exclude the phrase “Hunger Games” because the film series was not relevant to the topic. When searching in databases, I also included keyword “history” to find results more appropriate for the topic. I believe the Henry River Mill Village website provided relevant information; it offered history, photos, and information about tours and special events. I recommended that Alex schedule a tour for his group so they could visit in person, as well. *Henry River Mill Village* by Nicole Callihan and Ruby Young Keller was a fantastic source for this search. It included multiple photos with names and photographs, as well as backstories and histories of many different families that lived and worked in the village. This book appeared available in the UNCG database, but when I tried to access it, I was informed that UNCG unfortunately no longer has access to that database. I put in an interlibrary loan request for this item so that Alex will hopefully be able to receive it before the team visits the village. I also shared the resources that I found most relevant with Alex: I sent him links to the webpages and informed him that I would keep him posted about the book requested via interlibrary loan.

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